



CITY OF WINNIPEG
POLICE DEPARTMENT

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA.

EARLE LEONARD NELSON
ALIAS VIRGIL WILSON ALIAS FERRELL, ETC.

Born San Francisco, May 1897. Height: 5'6½", Weight 164 lbs,
Occupation: Itinerant labourer.

Now awaiting trial at Winnipeg for murder by strangulation of a woman and a 14 year old schoolgirl in this City. Crimes were committed June 9th and 10th, 1927.

Nelson was apprehended at Wakopa, Manitoba on June 15th, 1927 and taken to Killarney where he was locked up and broke out of the cells a few minutes later. He was recaptured at Killarney, Manitoba the following day from whence he was brought to Winnipeg immediately. Photographs of him sent out from this point have assisted in solving the murders of women in San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Philadelphia, Buffalo and Portland, Oregon, at which places he has been positively identified. Murder charges have been laid against him in these cities. He is suspected of similar crimes involving the deaths of over twenty women in various parts of the United States, and as he has been carrying on these atrocities for some years the number of his victims may be many more. In the short space of eleven days he is known to have killed some six persons, from whom he stole money and jewelry and in nearly all cases, outraged their bodies.

To houses displaying "For Sale" or "Rooms to Rent" signs, he gained access by posing as a prospective buyer or roomer. When he found a woman alone in a house he seized her by the throat and choked her to death, disposing of his victims under beds, behind furnaces and in attics and unoccupied rooms.

Nothing in the history of crime known on this continent seemingly parallels the number of his killings or the atrocious acts he is alleged to have committed. His cunning in escaping from the scene, the frequency with which he changed his clothing and the speed attained by him in travelling from place to place, stamp him as an altogether abnormal person.

*Forwarded with the Compliments of the
City of Winnipeg Police Department.*

C. H. NEWTON,
CHIEF CONSTABLE.

December 20, 1926.

Chief of Police.

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 PORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
 Bulletin BLACKBOARD December 7, 1926

BLACKBOARD FOR THE ARREST AND CONFINEMENT OF MURDERER OF BLANCHE MYERS.

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 HARRIS. The following is a description of a man giving himself the name of ADRIAN HARRIS, who was believed to have murdered MRS BLANCHE MYERS at 519 1/2 First Street, this city, on November 29th, 1926, between the hours of 1:00 and 2:00 P.M. by strangulation, strangling a sign in the name of ADRIAN HARRIS, and also a sign in the name of MRS FLORENCE FINNIAN MONROE, at 725 1/2 10th Avenue, North, Seattle, Washington, between the hours of 4:00 and 5:00 P.M. on the same date, 1926, death also by strangulation. She also had a sign in the window "ROOMS FOR RENT". Diamonds and jewelry were stolen in each case.

DESCRIPTION: 25 to 30 years, 5'6" to 5'7", 140 to 150#, broad shoulders, thick chest, muscular upper arms, well built, dark brown hair, smooth shaven, Mexican or Spanish type of complexion, and said by one party to resemble an Italian, but claims to be of Danish extraction. Large dark fire eyes which he rolls and blinks at times. Claimed to be a beggar and has the appearance of a man leading an outdoor life, ordinary hands, has no foreign accent, but lumps or thins while talking, white teeth and shows both upper and lower when talking.

Was wearing, when last seen in Portland, November 29th, 1926, a soft hat, bluish gray color with fancy bluish gray band, also has a brown cap, light tan shoes, four-in-hand dark necktie, light gray mixed suit with built in back. The coat looks too long for him, may wear a pair of blue trousers with stripes, or now yellowish corduroy trousers, yellowish or khaki colored blazer jacket with green knitted waist band. This jacket also, be of imitation mackinac. Was carrying a mahogany colored suit case, about 14 inches in length, which is nearly new, and may have some metal trimmings on top, claims to be a bank house carpenter in logging camps, and made the statement he was a jewelry peddler when not working at the carpenter trade. Was lying here in a dilapidated looking house in the front of which were displayed three, "ROOMS FOR RENT" signs. It was at this house where HARRIS gave the three women occupants of the house jewelry which has been identified as the property of MRS FLORENCE FINNIAN MONROE, and taken from her body at the time she was murdered in Seattle.

HARRIS spoke of religious Missions, and of having attended the Holy Rollers and Almeda McPherson's Temple at Los Angeles, California. He claims to have been married and divorced. Is an inveterate cigarette smoker, usually smoking Lucky Strike cigarettes.

HAS HAVE AN AUTOMOBILE, POSSESSIVELY AN OLD MODEL FORD COUPE, WITH DULL FINISH TO PAINT.

This Department has a good finger print of the murderer of MRS BLANCHE MYERS which we believe to be the finger print of ADRIAN HARRIS. The print is from the middle finger on the right hand.

The following articles are missing from the home of MRS BLANCHE MYERS:

1 Ladies ring, white gold mounting, 18 karat gold, basket setting with 1/2 karat white diamond in center surrounded by 4 or 6 small blue sapphires. "18 Karat white gold" inscribed inside. Ring size No. 6, setting has bevelled appearance with rounding top and open work on top of ring half way down from top.

1 brownish lavender summer coat, goods of light weight, same style as pants coat, dark brown silk lining, collar same as coat. Think 3 buttons in front of same color as coat, made of same, narrow cuffs on sleeves, two small pockets outside, may have been bought of Meier and Frank, Portland, Oregon. \$8.50 in cash.

1 ladies wrist Watch, 5-0 size, open face, 15 jewel, Elgin Movement Number 1852339, Case Number 718515, clear case, front case of watch extends well over dial, black ribbon with gold clasp for wrist.

Bureau of Records
 B/R

JOHN T. MOORE--Acting Chief of Police.

December 20, 1926.

Chief of Police.

CITY AND COUNTY BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION,
BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. APRIL 5, 1919.

Brother officers:

A little girl, less than seven years of age, was criminally assaulted in a most brutal manner, in the edge of this City yesterday.

On her way to school, she was accosted by a man who offered her 50 cents to direct him to the Santa Fe Roundhouse, she pointed out the way and he persuaded her to come over to the next street, saying he had a bicycle there and wanted to get it; when they arrived on this street, he threatened to beat her if she did not go with him. He then led her along this street several blocks, to a field, overgrown with willows and brush, in the outskirts of the City and there committed this dreadful crime. This occurred at about 9 a.m. at 1.30 p.m. she managed to get out of the field and to a house where she was given attention and from there taken to a hospital, where she now is in a most critical condition.

She describes her assailant as having a scrubby black beard, streaked with grey; not a very old man (40 to 50) wore a dark coat, black hat and grey trousers.

We earnestly request your assistance in our efforts to apprehend this fiend.

If you have a photograph of a degenerate, capable of committing this crime, kindly send it to us, that it may be shown to the victim, in the event of her recovering sufficiently to inspect it.

Respectfully,

E. P. Munsey, Chief of Police,

D. B. Newell, Sheriff,

Bakersfield, Calif.

Yours very truly,

C. L. BECKINGHAM,

Chief of Police

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This fiend is thought to be the same man who murdered several women by strangulation earlier in the year in San Francisco, Santa Barbara, San Jose, and Oakland.

Seattle, Washington.

W. H. SEARING,

December 20, 1926.

Chief of Police.

The City of Seattle

Washington

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

WHEN ANSWERING
KINDLY REFER TO
INITIALS _____

May 21, 1917.

Chief of Police.

Dear Sir:

----UNIDENTIFIED MAN ASSAULTING WOMEN AND GIRLS----

The young girls and women of the outlying districts of this city are at this time being terrorized by the operations of a man who, working only at night, and in lonely places, frightens his victims so that they are unable to offer resistance, and commits rape upon them. From the circumstances of the case descriptions are unsatisfactory, but we believe that if we could get him into custody he would be identified with definiteness and certainty. He appears in our reports first in the month of January, since which time we have heard of him at intervals of about a week or ten days, and are lead to suppose that prior to that time he may have been operating elsewhere, and to hope that in some of the neighboring cities we might obtain a record and a photograph from which he could be picked up on the streets.

Our descriptions place his age as low as 25 years, and as high as 35 years; they place his height anywhere from medium to 5 feet 11 inches, and all agree that he has a coarse, heavy voice, which would serve to fix his identity anywhere. He has large, coarse and very rough hands, which fix him as a man employed at manual labor, and he handles his victims as only a man of great strength could. His build is described as slight or medium, but with heavy shoulders. He speaks good English, but with a roll that marks him as probably not American born. He is dark complexioned, with a very stiff beard, frequently of several days growth, he shamles as he walks, and in fact in appearance is slouchy and slovenly, and sometimes operates in his working clothes.

But it is by his method of operation that we expect you to be able to "make" him, if he has appeared in your city. He takes whatever cash and valuables his victims have, subdues them by threatening to kill them and by using his strength on them, and on leaving them he cautions them to lie still until he whistles. One of his victims here resisted and was murdered. If anyone appears in your records prior to the first of this year, operating in this way, who might now be in Seattle, I would be pleased if you would furnish us his record and photograph.

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WANTED FOR MURDER

ADRIAN HARRIS---STRANGLE MURDERER

DESCRIPTION

26 to 30 years, 5 ft. 6 or 7 inches tall, 140 to 150 lbs., broad shoulders; thick chest; muscular upper arms; well built; dk. brn. hair smooth shaven; Mexican or Spanish type of complexion and said by one party to resemble an Italian, but claims to be of extraction from Denmark; large dk. eyes; when talking to women, rolls and blinks them and at times while talking are said to be piercing. Has no foreign accent, but lisps at times while talking; white teeth and shows both upper and lower when talking. Was wearing, when last seen in Portland, Nov. 29, 1926, a soft hat bluish gray color with fancy striped bluish gray band; also has a brown cap; lt. tan shoes; four-in-hand dk. mixed necktie; lt. gray mixed suit with belt in back; coat looks too long for him; may wear a pair of blue trousers with stripe or new yellowish corduroy trousers; yellowish or khaki color blazer jacket with green knitted waist band, may be imitation mole skin; was carrying a mahogany colored suitcase about 24" long, nearly new; claims to be a bunk-house carpenter in logging camp and told people he was a jewelry peddler when not working at his trade as carpenter. Was living in Portland in dilapidated looking house where rooms were for rent; spoke of religious missions and having attended the Holy Rollers and also attended Aimee McPherson's Temple at Los Angeles; claims to have been married and divorced; is an inveterate cigarette smoker, usually smokes Luck Strike cigarettes; may have an automobile, possibly an old model Ford Coupe with dull finish.

The following jewelry, stolen at the time of the murder of Mrs. Monks, has not been recovered:

- 1 diamond ring 3 1/8 kt. yellow gold setting.
- 1 diamond ring, large, white gold setting.
- 1 gents ring, diamond with blue sapphire on each side.
- 1 diamond barpin, 7 or 9 rather large diamonds set in row in yellow gold.
- 1 amaranth pin with 1 diamond.
- 1 Eastern Star pin, 1 diamond.
- 1 White Shrine pin, 1 diamond.
- 1 Wedding ring, gold engraved.
- 1 gents watch, yellow gold.

S T O R Y O F M U R D E R S

On November 23rd, this man strangled Mrs. Florence Fithian Monks in Seattle, robbed the body and house of jewelry, and concealed the body in the basement behind the furnace.

In this case, the victim was alone in the house and had a "For Rent or For Sale" sign in the window and had placed an ad "For Sale or For Rent" in the daily newspapers.

On November 24th, the day following the murder of Mrs. Monks, a man giving the name of Adrian Harris rented a room from two elderly women in Portland, and on November 25th, he gave them each some jewelry of small value that has since been identified as stolen from Mrs. Monks at the time of her murder.

He paid them rent for a week in advance, but on Monday, November 29th, two days before his week was up, he left the place about noon saying that he was going to Vancouver, Washington, and on that same afternoon, Mrs. Blanch Myers was strangled to death in Portland and her body robbed and concealed under the bed. As in the Monks case, she had a "Room for Rent" sign in the window and had run an ad in the newspaper. Among the jewelry taken from Mrs. Myers was a lady's wrist watch, 50 size, O. F., 15 jewel, Elgin Movt. #18533859, case #718513.

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CITY AND COUNTY BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA
MAY 28th, 1928

WANTED ON FELONY WARRANT CHARGING RAPE.

JOHN DOE; Whose true name is unknown; Age, about 45 to 50 years; Height, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches; Weight, about 150 lbs; Hair, gray; Gray mustache; Wearing gray suit, gray hat; And while driving wears white sun visor.

Is driving a small car, presumably a Chevrolet Roadster, with a white box on the rear. Lettering painted on rear of box. May be selling automobile accessories or Wall Clocks.

M.O: Enticed a 6 year old school girl into his car on the pretense of taking her home. Drove to an isolated shack a few miles from town and there committed the act.

This is an aggravated case and we request the earnest co-operation of all law enforcement officers and citizens in the apprehension of this fierl. Please notify all hotels, camp grounds, garages and Highway Traffic Officers to be on the look-out for this car. Remember the white box on the rear.

Same as John Doe, alias M.E.Olds. Bakersfield Circular Number 313 of 5-23-28. Disregard all information thereon pertaining to the name M.E.Olds, he is not the man wanted. Should you locate the party hereon, hold every thing and phone the Sheriff of Kern County, charges collect.

J.C.WALSER, Sheriff

Kern County, California.

CIRCULAR NUMBER 315

B of I, F H Neergaard, Supt.

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REWARD

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THE ABOVE REWARD WILL BE PAID ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1928 FOR THE DETENTION
AND DELIVERY TO MYSELF OR DEPUTIES OF THE TWO MISSING BOYS.

LEWIE HENRY WINSLOW

Age—13 years.
Weight—About 85 lbs.
Height—4 ft. 4 in.
Light brown hair—Blue eyes.
Boy Scout uniform—Tan shoes.
Slender build—High strung but quiet.



NELSON HORATION WINSLOW

Age—10½ years.
Weight—65 lbs.
Height—4 ft.
Light brown hair—Blue eyes.
Blue shirt, grayish knickers, tan oxfords.
Has a scar on right leg above knee.



On the night of May 16th about 6:30 p. m. Lewie Winslow and his brother Nelson left their home located at 455 E. Center St., Pomona, to go to the Sloyd Bldg. located on West Monterey St. These boys left the Sloyd Bldg. about 8 o'clock and have not been seen since. On May 28th Mr. Winslow received a letter from his son Lewie, this letter being mailed from Corona, and stated that they were having a good time sleeping in the day time and traveling at night and for him not to worry, that they were getting along all right. This letter was in the handwriting of the older boy, Lewie.

Should these boys be found and after investigation it is found that they have been willfully detained with intent to conceal them from their parents, or for the purpose of collecting a reward for their return, I will ask that you arrest such parties and hold for this office.

I hold a felony warrant charging Child Stealing for John Doe, Richard Roe and Mary Doe. From investigation it is believed that these boys are being willfully detained as it seems impossible for them to be on the highways for almost a month and not be picked up. It is requested that Juvenile Halls be searched and any home for boys that might have them in charge.

Wire Any Information to

WM. I. TRAEGER, Sheriff
Los Angeles County,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dated June 28, 1928.
Circular No. 30573.

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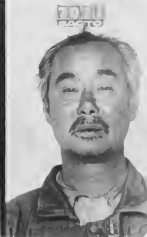
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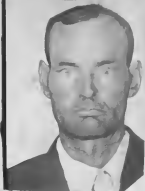
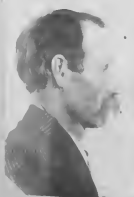
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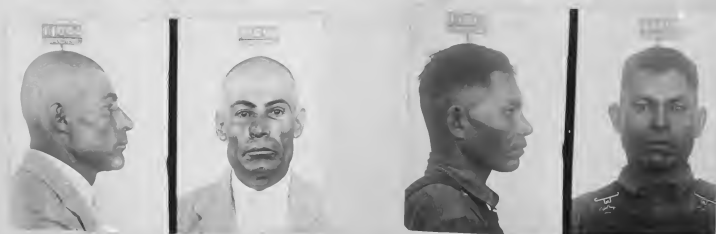
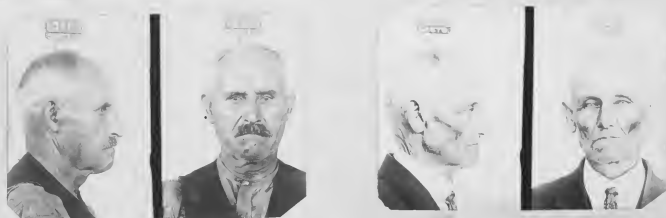
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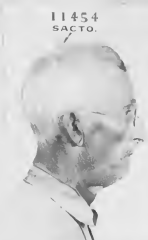




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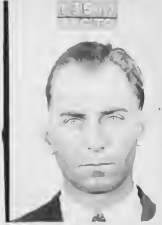
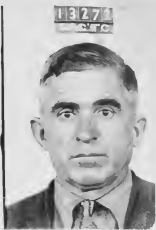


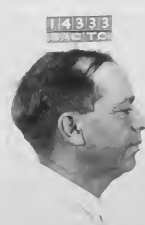
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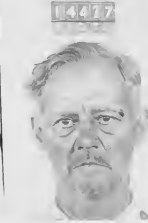


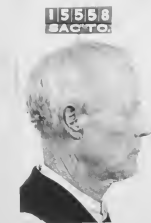
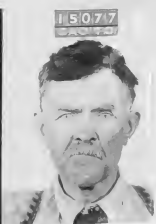
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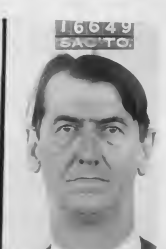
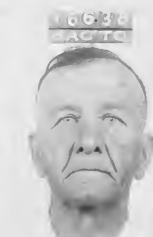




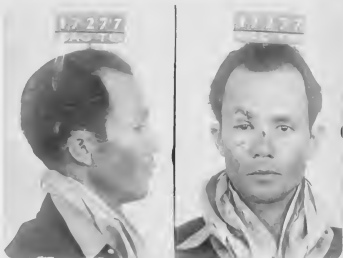




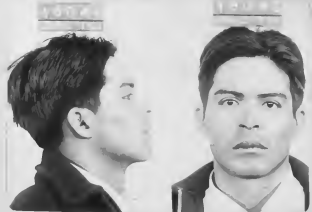
















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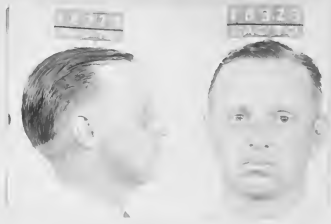
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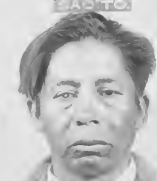
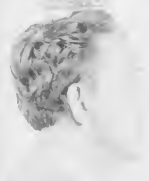
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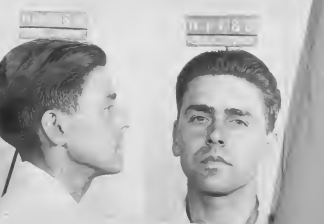
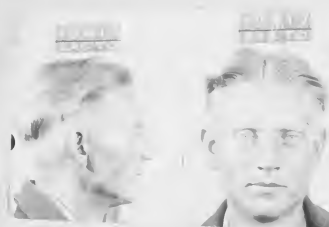
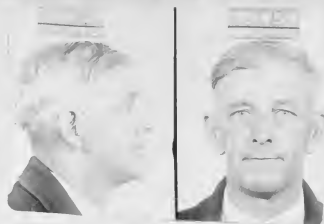


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